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SUBJECT: DR. OTHMAN WAHAB

KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT

1. DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE HAVE RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM SEVERAL U.S. HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS SEEKING BACKGROUND ON AN "ECONOMIC CONSULTANT" NAMED DR. OTHMAN WAHAB. DR. WAHAB IS PAKISTANI NATIONAL WHO SAYS HE REPRESENTS GROUP OF ARAB INVESTORS INTENDING DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, AND MAINTAIN TWELVE LARGE "HEALTH CARE CENTERS" IN LOWER GULF. HE PLACES TOTAL VALUE OF PROJECT AT \$293 MILLION, AND SAYS INITIAL \$85 MILLION PHASE WILL COMPRISE TWO CENTERS WITH FROM FOUR TO FIVE HUNDRED BEDS.

2. WAHAB HAS TOLD TWO U.S. FIRMS (HARRIS, LUNDBERG, AND WACHLER OF NYC AND HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT CORP. OF KANSAS

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CITY) THAT SCHEME'S BACKERS HAVE TOLD HIM TO ENGAGE

PARTICIPATION OF U.S. FIRM AND ALSO THAT HE HAS BEEN GIVEN FULL MANDATE TO MAKE FINAL SELECTION OF FIRM TO WHOM DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED.

3. HOWEVER, U.S. FIRMS APPROACHED HAVE BEEN UNABLE ASCERTAIN EITHER (1) NAMES AND AFFILIATION OF PRINCIPALS BEHIND WAHAB OR (2) PRECISE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF HEALTH CARE CENTERS TO BE CONSTRUCTED. THEY ARE VERY INTERESTED IN BUSINESS PROPOSED, BUT ARE NATURALLY RETICENT TO MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT HAVING CLEARLY ESTABLISHED WAHAB'S

BONA FIDES.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT ADDRESSEE POSTS ON DR. OTHMAN WAHAB OR HEALTH CARE PROJECT HE HAS DESCRIBED.

5. FOR ABU DHABI: WAHAB'S PROPOSALS DO NOT RPT NOT APPEAR RELATED TO RECENTLY-AWARDED TENDER FOR TWO ABU DHABI HOSPITALS, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASKING UAEG AND/O ADG IF THEY HAVE EVER HEARD OF HIM.

6. FOR KARACHI: WAHAB'S BUSINESS CARD GIVES ADDRESS AS 20-B SOUTH CIRCULAR AVENUE, DEFENSE HOUSING SOCIETY, KARACHI. ROGERS

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